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DEPARTMENT FOR BURT, INR/MP, NEA/INS

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SUBJECT: MAP EXCHANGE

1. THE INFORMAL LETTER OF AUGUST 21, 1974 WAS TURNED OVER TO COLONEL SAHNI LAST FRIDAY WITH COVERING LETTER FROM GEOGRAPHIC SPECIALIST COX AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE DEAR COLONEL SAHNI, IF YOU ARE IN AGREEMENT WITH THE TERMS AND PROCEDURES INDICATED IN THE ENCLOSED INFORMAL LETTER OF AUG. 21, 1974, FROM ARTHUR L. BURT, COORDINATOR FOR MAPS AND PUBLICATIONS, DEPARTMENT OF STATE, PLEASE ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF THE LETTER AND ANY COMMENTS YOU MAY WISH TO ADD SO THIS MAY BE CONVEYED TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. UNQUOTE.

2. COLONEL SAHNI THEN TURNED OVER WHAT HE CONSIDERS PRINT DATES OF AVAILABLE SHEETS IN BLOCK 57 AND TEN COPIES EACH OF SIX MORE INWS. ALTHOUGH THE SIX INWS APPEAR TO HAVE LATER PRINT DATES THAN USG HOLDINGS, HIS LIST OF PRINT DATES EXCLUDE THE LARGE 1:63,360 AND 1:50,000 SCALE MAP SHEETS. WHEN ASKED WHY PRINT DATES WERE NOT PROVIDED FOR THE LARGE SCALE MAPS, SAHNI SAID THESE WERE ALL OLD AND WOULD BE OF NO INTEREST.

3. IN SUBSEQUENT MEETING WITH COLONEL SAHNI THIS MORNING, HE SAID CONFIRMATION OF BURT'S LETTER IS BEING SENT TO INDIAN EMBASSY, WASHINGTON, D.C. FOR RELAY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE. SAHNI SAID ANSWER GOING VIA HIS EMBASSY IS MATTER OF PROTOCOL.

COMMENT: WHEN YOU RECEIVE THE MILITARY SURVEY'S LETTER CONFIRM-

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ING THEIR INTENT TO PROCEED ON THE MAP EXCHANGE AS OUTLINED IN

BURT'S LETTER OF AUGUST 21, WE SUGGEST THE INITIAL INCREMENT OF THREE JOG SHEETS BE SUPPLIED THIS EMBASSY FOR DELIVERY TO COLONEL SAHNI. BUT PRIOR TO DELIVERY OF THESE SHEETS TO SAHNI, WE PLAN TO RESUBMIT THE REQUIREMENTS FOR BLOCK 57, WHICH WILL INCLUDE ALL LARGE SCALE MAPS, AS WELL AS A FEW 1:250,000 SCALE SHEETS MENTIONED IN SAHNI'S NEW LIST. WE WILL THEN HOLD UP DELIVERY OF THE JOGS UNTIL WE ARE SATISFIED THE MILITARY SURVEY IS MEETING OUR REQUIREMENTS. ALSO, PLEASE SUPPLY EMBASSY WITH A COPY OF MILITARY SURVEY'S LETTER.

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